ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The publication of 'Sanskriti' (a quarterly magazine in Hindi) was stopped in the Department of Education three years before, for some administrative reasons. However, Central Hindi Directorate, a subordinate office of the Department of Education is publishing a similar quarterly magazine 'Bhasa' in Hindi.

Atrocities Against Women in Orissa

1711. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have studied the cases brought to their notice about the atrocities and harashment on women in tribal and harijan areas in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) if so, the facts of each case; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[*English*]

World Bank's Assistance to Disease Eradication Programme

1712. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the World Bank has responded to the request of the Union Government to assist India's on-going diseases eradication programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when Union Government is expected to receive the assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The World Bank have shown interest in colloborative project in the field of health specially in the areas of AIDS Central Project, Prevention and Control of Malaria, Eradication of Leprosy Blindness Control Programme and Tuberculosis Programme. Project outlines in the areas of AIDS control, Malaria and Leprosy have already been forwarded to the World Bank. Project outlines in respect of Blindness Control Programme, Tuberculosis Control Programme for Health Services Development for Under-served areas are under formulation. During the preliminary discussions with the World Bank officials, it was mentioned by them that they would process the proposal on AIDS Control expeditiously. It is anticipated that an appraisal Mission may come in October/November 91. As the projects are still at the preliminary stage of discussions, it is not possible to indicate the exact amount of assistance.

Expansion and Modernisation of St. Stephen's Hospital

1713. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Kingdom has provided aid for the expansion and modernisation of St. Stephen's Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the amount of aid provided and the amount of aid yet to be provided by United Kingdom; and

(c) the details of the proposed scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The Overseas Development Administration United